

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

The following listing of claims replaces all previous versions and listings in the present application.

Please cancel claims 1 through 4 without prejudice or disclaimer.

1. – 4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) A load drive control system having a control apparatus, and a drive apparatus ~~which~~that performs driving of a load based on a control signal supplied from said control apparatus, wherein:

said control apparatus comprises:

a low-side switching element coupled to a signal input point within said drive apparatus, and

means for driving said low-side switching element in accordance with a pulse width modulation (PWM) signal to output a power supply enabling control signal by repetitively connecting and disconnecting said signal input point to and from a common ground potential of said control apparatus and drive apparatus, and

~~wherein~~ said drive apparatus comprises:

a drive signal output section comprising control signal processing and output means coupled to receive said power supply enabling control signal, for outputting a drive signal for driving said load, in accordance with a duty ratio of said PWM signal, and control signal detection means coupled to said signal input point, for selectively generating an internal control signal in accordance with whether said power supply enabling control signal is being supplied,